(c) whether the country is also importing sugar; and

(d) if so, the quantity being imported and sources thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. The export of sugar is now freely allowed subject to the concerned sugar mill/exporter obtaining export release orders from the Directorate of Sugar.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Import of sugar is under Open General License subject to payment of prescribed custome duty. As per the data published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata, a quantity of 990 MTs of sugar has been imported during the financial year 2006-07 (up to November, 2006) from the following countries :—

Sl. No.	Name of the country	Quantity in MTs
1.	Australia	452
2.	Singapore	215
3.	Germany	108
4.	Korea	154
5.	Others	61
	TOTAL:	990

Setting up of ADRC

2733. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up of new Agriculture Debt Relief Commission to protect the interests of farmers ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA) : (a) There is no such proposal with the Government of India .

(b) Does not arise.